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SUBJ: MME SAUVE CRITICIZES GARRISON PROJECT

1. TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL ON JUNE 9 PUBLISHED ARTICLE
DATELINED NEW YORK REPORTING THAT CANADA ENVIRONMENT
MINISTER JEANNE SAUVE CALLED GARRISON PROJECT "MADNESS."
PRESS REPORT, HEADLINED "SAUVE SAYS SCHEME IS MADNESS -
PRESSURE IN US NEEDED TO STOP GARRISON PLAN", SAID THAT
MME SAUVE MADE HER COMMENTS AFTER ADDRESSING THE "EARTH
CARE CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT" ON JUNE 7.

2. MME SAUVE IS QUOTED AS SAYING "WE HAVE PROTESTED IT
VERY VOCIFEROUSLY... ALL THE WAY UP THE LINE TO THE STATE
DEPARTMENT." SHE THEN CITES A NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
ARTICLE WHICH ALLEGEDLY IS VERY CRITICAL OF THE GARRISON
PROJECT AND CONCLUDES "WE FEEL, AND MANY AMERICANS FEEL,
THAT IS IS JUST MADNESS... AND THIS PROBABLY IS OUR
GREATEST GUARANTEE THAT IT WON'T OCCUR. THE PROJECT
IS MADNESS EVEN FOR THE US, EVEN MORE SO THAN TO
CANADA."

3. WHEN ASKED IF THE PROJECT COULD BE MODIFIED

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WITHOUT DAMAGE TO CANADA, SHE SAID "OUR POSITION IS

THAT THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT IN THE US. BUT THEY
CANNOT DO ANYTHING THAT WILL ENDANGER THE CANADIAN
ENVIRONMENT IN TERMS WE DEFINE ... THE...
PROJECT AS IT NOW STANDS WOULD BE INTOLERABLE ON THE
CANADIAN SIDE."

4. COMMENT: MME SAUVE'S LANGUAGE IS ABOUT THE
STRONGEST HEARD RECENTLY FROM A HIGH CANADIAN
OFFICIAL REGARDING THE GARRISON PROJECT, AND FOR THE
FIRST TIME THERE IS NO MENTION OF US ASSURANCES THAT
CANADIAN WATER WOULD NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. THE
EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT, AS THE PROJECT CONTINUES
APACE, THE CANADIANS ARE GROWING INCREASINGLY WORRIED
THAT THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. PORTER

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